

INTRODUCING MURFREESBORO'S

# WATER QUALITY

MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAM

*Problems caused by  
rain water will become  
"water under the bridge."*



# An important message to all Murfreesboro citizens.

## City of Murfreesboro *Office of the Mayor*

Dear Fellow Citizen:

Clean water is essential for every aspect of life.

Beyond sustaining our local water resources, it ensures continued economic growth and prosperity. Controlling pollution is critical to preserving our aquatic resources and the economic viability of Murfreesboro.

To ensure this, the City of Murfreesboro has initiated its Murfreesboro Water Quality Management Program. Though the City already has substantial regulations on storm water, this new program will provide a framework for the City's commitment to protect and improve local water quality.

The new framework is an investment in Murfreesboro's future - a local commitment to maintain and enhance Murfreesboro's water quality. All of us must now join this comprehensive approach in addition to measures already in place.


The vision, cleaner water through local commitment and action, underscores the basic principal that clean water can only be achieved through the dedication, commitment and hard work of the people who live and work in the Murfreesboro area.

Our mission is to complete and implement a citywide strategy for clean water through a stakeholder-driven process. A ten-member committee was established representing a wide cross section of Murfreesboro. This committee has been meeting regularly during the early phases of the compliance process.

The Murfreesboro Water Quality Management Program is an opportunity to work together to find innovative solutions to shared water quality problems. This program is intended to evolve over time to reflect the needs and expectations of citizens like you. This collective vision represents a new era in local water quality management. With your help, we can ensure the future quality of Murfreesboro's local water resources.

Please view the Storm Water Advisory Committee meetings on Murfreesboro Cable Channel 3 or visit the city's web site, "<http://ci.murfreesboro.tn.us/svc-stormwater.html>" for more information.

Sincerely,



Tommy Bragg  
Mayor  
849-2629

# The federal government is requiring a series of improvements to manage storm water.

## What's all the fuss about?

When we have a rainstorm, water flows off land, pavement, rooftops and other surfaces, and causes a variety of chemicals, fertilizers, oil and grease, pesticides and litter into area streams, rivers and lakes. In trying to preserve the quality of our lakes and rivers, the federal and state government is requiring certain cities and towns to comply with mandates for minimizing storm water runoff. Murfreesboro is one of those cities.

## How does this affect me?

As population, land development, and construction activities increase, pollutants that can contaminate storm water continue to grow. By each of us following a few simple preventative measures found on the back page, we can improve the quality of our water.

## Why worry about it now?

Our state and federal governments have told cities that we need to strengthen our storm water programs, so our city is launching a new effort called the Water Quality Management Program.



Storm water management is required by the Environmental Protection Agency under the Clean Water Act of 1972. In 1990, Nashville, Knoxville,

Memphis and Chattanooga were required to comply with the Act. In 1999, the EPA

required cities with a population less than 100,000, to also comply with the Act. By 2003 over 80 cities and towns in Tennessee need to comply,

including the City of Murfreesboro and our county and neighboring cities — Smyrna, LaVergne and Rutherford County.

## How has Murfreesboro responded?

- Initiated compliance with Federal regulations.
- Developed an action plan.
- Hired engineers and consultants.
- Inventoried our storm drainage system.
- Evaluated what other cities have done.
- Created a storm water advisory group comprised of representative citizens, whose meetings are televised on Murfreesboro Cable Channel 3.



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# What can you do to help?

Following a few of these simple tips can help.

- Dispose of litter properly.
- Keep storm drains clear of debris, dirt, sand, silt, and yard wastes.
- Catch fluids and recycle or properly dispose of them when changing car oils, antifreeze, and other fluids.
- Wash cars or other greasy equipment at facilities, such as commercial car washes, that

collect wastewater and discharge it into a sanitary sewer where detergent and oily pollutants can be removed at sewage treatment plants.

- Reduce or eliminate chemical pesticides and fertilizers for landscaping and lawns.
- Plant around areas prone to erosion to reduce the chance that loose dirt, soil, and sand will be carried away by storm water runoff.

## Meet your Storm Water Advisory Committee members

Ron Crabtree  
Corey Howse  
Elma McKnight  
Wayne Nobles  
Chuck Phillips  
Jimmy Allen  
Florence W. Smith  
Beth Chesson  
Wayne Belt  
Tim Durham

## For more information check out the Water Quality Management Program's Website!

<http://ci.murfreesboro.tn.us/svc-stormwater.html>  
or call 893-6441

You can also check out these other web sites to learn more about water quality management.

<http://www.epa.gov>  
<http://www.state.tn.us/environment>  
<http://www.rutherfordcounty.org/recycle>  
[http://www.ci.murfreesboro.tn.us/svc-water\\_sewer](http://www.ci.murfreesboro.tn.us/svc-water_sewer)  
<http://www.cwp.org>



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**Coming soon:  
Storm Water Hotline Number!**